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Dear Sir. (3),

Request your all vote against
ownership limits being eliminated
in Radio and Television.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Voting Citizen Margaret Dorcette

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Please don't respond.
The Cap on floor many
internet systems, Radio
and T.V. stations, and
newspapers that are
company or corporation
or corporations can
own in a area. News
and information is
very important in our
country and just
certain groups should
not control information.
Sincerely,
Wanda S. Westwood
7130 N.W. 11th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

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In Writing my opposition
to the FCC proposal (that would
end the ban on most cities of cross-
membership of stations & newspapers)
I agree that this matter should not
be done fast & in secret but needs
open debate. I agree with Bill
Meyer's new program of the
Public Broadcasting system & William
Safire a writer for the New York Times
newspaper whose column was printed
in the May 28-2003 edition of the Fort
Worth Star Telegram. I oppose any
deregulation of our TV stations &
newspapers. I read the newspapers &
I switch channels during the news to
get a broader diversified news. I agree
with the letter to the Editor from Larry Gandy of
Bowie & Betty's Fay, Ft. Worth who say that
this could be a first step towards
Totalitarianism. This would be a whole-
sale sucking of the "Bill of Rights" I'm looking at
my copy of the "Bill of Rights" and
part of the 1st amendment which is
Freedom of speech of the Press &
of the Right to Petition Congress
shall make no law respecting the establishment
of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise
thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech
or of the Press, or the right of the
people to peaceably assemble, and to
petition the Government for a redress
of grievances. In other words I
want to know what all of the people
in even diversified opinions within
I agree with them. Not because that is
the system of government. Sincerely,

(over)

P. S. I have written to & sent
copies of this to our Rep &
Texas Senators in Washington
Regarding the debate & stopping
of the deregulation of our
TV & newspapers so that we
will be able to continue to get
all of the news even the
diversified news.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Pigg

Dorothy Pigg
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St. Washington
TX

Copy to the Federal Communication Comm.

COMMENTARY

May 27, 2003

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The really big decision in Washington

The future formation of American public opinion has fallen into the lap of an ambitious 36-year-old lawyer whose name you have never heard. On June 2, after deliberations conducted behind



William Safire

closed doors, he will decide the fate of media large and small, print and broadcast. No other decision made in Washington will more directly affect how you will be informed, persuaded and entertained. His name is Kevin Martin. He and his wife, Catherine, now Vice President Dick Cheney's public affairs adviser, are the most puissant young "power couple" in the capital. He is one of three Republican members of the five-person Federal Communications Commission, and because he recently broke ranks with his chairman, Michael Powell (Colin's son), on a telecom controversy, this engaging North Carolinian has become the swing vote on the power play that has media moguls salivating.

The FCC proposal remains officially secret to avoid public comment but was forced into the open by the two commission Democrats. It would end the ban in most cities of

MEDIA An FCC proposal that would end the ban in most cities of cross-ownership of TV stations and newspapers needs open debate.

cross-ownership of television stations and newspapers, allowing such companies as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and the *Chicago Tribune* to gobble up ever more electronic outlets. It would permit Viacom, Disney and AOL Time Warner to control TV stations with nearly half the national audience. In the largest cities, it would allow owners of "only" two TV stations to buy a third.

We've already seen what happened when the FCC allowed the monopolization of local radio: Today, three companies own half the stations in America, delivering a homogenized product that neglects local news coverage and dictates music sales.

And the FCC has abdicated enforcement of the "public interest" requirement in issuing licenses. Time was, broadcasters had to regularly reapply and show public interest programming to earn continuance; now they mail the FCC a postcard every eight years that nobody reads.

Ah, but aren't viewers and readers now blessed with a whole new world

of hot competition through cable and the Internet? That's the shucks-we're-no-monopolists line that Rupert Murdoch takes.

The answer is "no." Many artists, consumers, musicians and journalists know that such protestations of cable and Internet competition by the huge dominators of content and communication are malarkey.

The overwhelming amount of news and entertainment comes via broadcast and print. Putting those outlets in fewer and bigger hands profits the few at the cost of the many.

Does that sound unconservative? Not to me. The concentration of power — political, corporate, media, cultural — should be anathema to conservatives. The diffusion of power through local control, thereby encouraging individual participation, is the essence of federalism and the greatest expression of democracy.

Why do we have more channels but fewer real choices today? Because the ownership of our means of communication is shrinking. Moguls glory in amalgamation, but more individuals than they realize resent the loss of local control and community identity.

We opponents of megamergers and cross-ownership are afflicted with what sociologists call "pluralis-

tic ignorance." Libertarians pop off from what we assume to be the fringes of the left and right wings, but they do not yet realize that we outnumber the exponents of the new collectivist efficiency.

That's why I march uncomfortably alongside CodePink Women for Peace and the National Rifle Association, between liberal Olympia Snowe and conservative Ted Stevens under the banner of "localism, competition and diversity of views."

That's why, too, we resent the conflicted refusal of most networks and stations and their putative purchasers to report fully and in prime time on their owners' power grab scheduled for June 2.

Must broadcasters of news act only on behalf of the powerful broadcast lobby? Are they not obligated, in the long-forgotten public interest, to call to the attention of viewers and readers the arrogance of a regulatory commission that will not hold extended public hearings on the most controversial decision in its history?

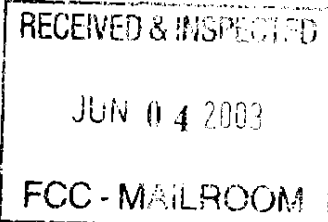
So much of our lives should not be in the hands of one swing-vote commissioner. Let's debate this out in the open, take polls, get the president on the record and turn up the heat.

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To All Members of the Federal Communications Commission:

We, the undersigned, wish to hereby state our objection to any and all plans to authorize media deregulation. We do not want local TV, newspaper, radio and cable to all be owned by one corporate parent.

We and all American citizens have a right to receive information from many sources. We believe that the proposed authorization would deprive us of our constitutional freedoms. Monopoly power is a dangerous thing - akin to state-run media in Iraq, Communist USSR.

Therefore we urge you to change your plan and protect the freedoms of our democracy.

Sincerely,

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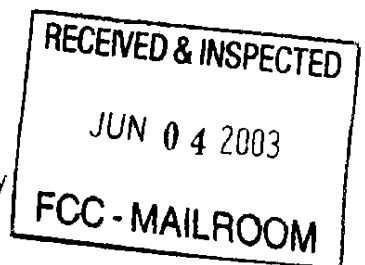
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

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Most sincerely,

Dennis McSweeney

Lesley Osman

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May 27, 2003
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RE: Upcoming proposed media ownership rules, scheduled vote
June 2, 2003

Dear Ms. Dorich;

Enclosed please find out comment on the upcoming Media ownership rule changes being steamrolled through by Chairman Powell et. al. Obviously we are against any further DE-REGULATION, (now 35% ownership), AS IS THE MAJORITY OF AMERICAN OPINION. WE FIND THESE CHANGES, (EVEN TO 40%, REPORTED WITH SNEAKY SECRET PLAN BY POWELL), UN-AMERICAN, AND A FURTHER UN-DEMOCRATIC THEFT OF OUR PUBLIC BROADCAST, RADIO, AIR WAVES!

Sincerely,

Deborah and Steven Rogers

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cc commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Senators Feinstein, Boxer, Mc Cain
Congressman Darryl Issa

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public serving, non- diverse, 5 Broadcast monopolies control 70% of the media now, (non UHF), and 50% of all internet news,

WE ARE UNBELIEVABLY ANGRY, AND DEMAND THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT THE VERY LEAST BE EXTENDED AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, (SO TOO IGNORED BY CHAIRMAN, (ALA MAO) POWELL, HOW DAMNED DARE HE!

NOR WILL WE ACCEPT ANY SECRET DEALS POWELL HAS APPARENTLY COOKED UP WITH HIS CRONIES FOR ANYMORE OWNERSHIP (40% REPORTED, GIVING MONOPOLIES 90% CONTROL NON UHF).

Powell's SHAMEFUL, UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES ARE FRIGHTENING!

Kudos to you commissioners Copps and Adelstein, Thank You.

Sincerely,

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May 27, 2003

Most Honorable FCC Commissioners
Michael Copps
Jonathan Adelstein
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proposed, (APPARENTLY ALREADY DECIDED BY CHAIRMAN POWELL), broadcast, media rule changes in ownership, vote scheduled 6/2/2003

Most Honorable Commissioners Copps and Adelstein;

By design, (per network monopolies, Chairman Powell's program), we soon to be former Republicans, (Donors) were unaware of the upcoming Broadcast media ownership rule changes. This despite subscribing to a newspaper, (OWNED BY TRIBUNE) and watching the various news programs including cable. Apparently the only notice for MOST AMERICANS, (polls is by way of newspapers, network news, NEVER REPORTED ON NBC, MSNBC, FOX, CBS, (ON OUR AIRWAVES), AND ON OTHERS, ONLY AFTER THE FACT, AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OVER, (APPARENTLY), TO DELIBERATELY WIN FURTHER MONOPOLY OF OUR AIRWAVES, RADIO NETWORKS ETC. OF COURSE THE CLEAR CHANNEL RADIO MONOPOLY HAS NOT REPORTED, NOR CBS, WESTWOOD ONE PROGRAMMING MONOPOLIES HAVE LIKEWISE NOT REPORTED.

SO MUCH FOR "THE PUBLIC INTEREST, DIVERSITY IN PROGRAMMING"! Chairman Powell, and GOP cronies on the commission UNDERESTIMATE OUR RAGE, he's had two public meetings BUT 44 WITH THE NETWORKS, (NOT TO MENTION THE THOUSANDS HE AND OTHERS ON THE COMMISSION HAVE ACCEPTED IN TRIPS FROM THEE VERY MONOPOLIES HE, THEY ARE TO REGULATE)!!!!!! THIS CONDUCT, IS NOT ONLY UNEHTICAL, FAILING TO SERVE HIS MANDATE, BUT IS AN UN-AMERICAN THEFT OF OUR PROPERTY, "QUID PRO QUO". OUR DEMOCRACY HAS ALREADY BEEN DAMAGED SEVERELY DUE TO THE '96 "TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT" AS YOU ALL ARE PERFECTLY AWARE, AS SACRAMENTO CLEAR CHANNEL GENERAL MANAGER RADIO STATIONS BRAGGED IN IN OFFICE MEMO "WE'RE THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN", As NBC Memo stated upon the firing of Phil Donahue, (higher ratings than Matthews show), they cannot have a show "that criticizes the president"!!!!!!

Every radio station that we are able to receive IS OWNED BY CLEAR CHANNEL, (3 LIMBAUGH ALL THE TIME STATIONS, OWN ALL SAN DIEGO OUTLETS) with the remainder owned by DISNEY, VIACOM, NONE REPORTING ON FCC RULE CHANGES, EITHER LIMBAUGH ET AL. OR WESTWOOD ONE PROGRAMMING MONOPOLIES. THIS IS AN UN-AMERICAN, FACIST DISGRACE.

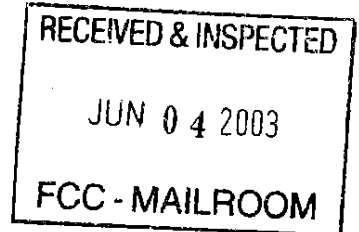
Thanks to the valient efforts you two, (ALONE) commissioners have made, we were made aware of these changes by PBS, And C-Span, (only in the last three weeks). Thanks to you, were are fully aware, (now) of the vast majority of public opinion being against any further easing of ownership rules, (CNN 98% of public, AND WE CONCUR, THINKS MEDIA TOO CONCENTRATED NOW, ONLY ON OBSCURE "MONEYLINE"). These same non-

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Most sincerely,

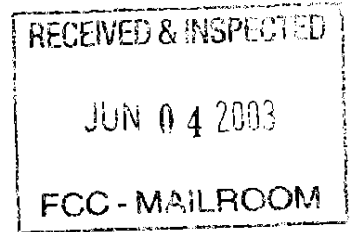
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Re: Media Monopoly

Statist governments, whether fascist or communist, share one trait. Under such rule, government ownership of judge, jury, prosecutor and defense attorney guarantees oppression of the people.

Capitalist systems, for all their faults are better, because they [should] have an independent arbiter and referee, government agencies that limit unbridled corporate power. As long as they serve this function they serve the people and the interests of democracy. But when capitalist governments stop serving this function, and bow to corporate interests first, they serve the interests of all phony forms of government: oppression of the people.

Shame on you!

In a country whose collective consciousness is already monopolized by the media few, it's an outrage that you intend to sell out the American people -- who gave you a sacred trust. That you intend to vote in the closet on this issue, without demanding a broad and deep, public debate, is abominable

You must find your soul and change directions.

Push back the deadline on this issue and take the case to the public, through the airwaves; actively engage the press until this issue has reached the minds and the lips of every American citizen.

Remember those who created this country and your integrity, and serve this democracy.

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Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Re: MB Docket No. 02-277
Appearance on *Diane Rehm Show* 5/29/03

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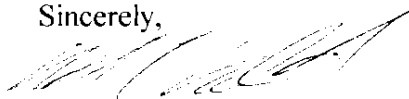
As you know, I had the privilege of appearing on the Diane Rehm Show today just after you were interviewed. However, since I do not know if you were able to listen to the remainder of the show, I do not know if you heard what I said regarding the role of the First Amendment in the media ownership review.

Several times, you stated that the D.C. Circuit said that when you set ownership limits, you are "limiting the First Amendment rights of broadcasters" and that to sustain an ownership limit you must "balance" the value of the regulation against the broadcasters' First Amendment rights.

This so misstates that law that one could almost presume either an intent to mislead listeners or a fundamental failure to understand the cases. The D.C. Circuit has repeatedly *rejected* the First Amendment claims of broadcasters. See *Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. v. FCC*, 284 F.3d 148, 167-68 (D.C. Cir. 2002); *Fox Television Stations, Inc. v. FCC*, 280 F.3d 1027, 1045-46 (D.C. Cir. 2002). Rather, it is the public which has a "paramount" First Amendment right to a diversity of views. *Red Lion Broadcasting Co., Inc. v. FCC*, 395 U.S. 367, 389-91 (1969).

In any event, I hope this clarification is useful. If nothing else, I hope you will reconsider your decision applying the proper legal standard, which considers the First Amendment rights of the public without any balancing against a non-existent First Amendment right of licensees to own unlimited federal licenses.

Sincerely,



Harold Feld
Associate Director

cc: Stacy Robinson

Harold Feld, rec'd
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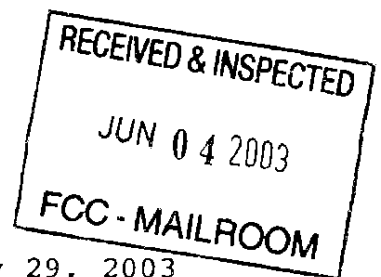
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Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am on the Board of the Social Justice Center of Marin in San Anselmo, California and I am writing to register my strong opposition to any further efforts at media consolidation. I also work with the Marin Peace and Justice Coalition. Between the two organizations we reach some two thousand local residents. No one in our organizations is in favor of further media consolidation.

I believe the weakening of regulations in the 1996 Communications Act allowing for greater concentration of ownership in radio has been disastrous for our democracy. I fear that should the regulations be further weakened allowing for increased cross ownership and greater concentration of ownership of TV stations, the FCC would have been complicit in undermining our democracy.

I wish Chairman Powell would pay less attention to so-called "market efficiencies" and greater attention to "democratic sufficiencies."

Sincerely,

David Glick

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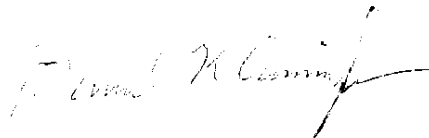
This brief letter is to convey my personal opposition to expanding media ownership by individual owners. While I represent no corporate nor communication interests, my career has included ownership of a small country weekly newspaper and 10 years experience as a business reporter on two daily newspapers.

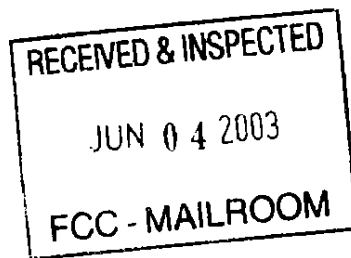
A free flow of opinion and ideas and news is the foundation for a vibrant republic such as ours. Yes, food, shelter, clothes, power and heat are also important resources to be conserved and protected. But material comfort is meaningless without personal freedom.

In the information sector you well know that the flow of information has become constricted. Although Denver has two daily newspapers, most days the identical Associated Press article reports on a national or foreign event. Both papers even carry the same New York Times columnists, further restricting the free flow of ideas. The total lack of diversity in our news gathering is now a serious crisis. May I cite the alleged fall of Russia (though it still seems to rattle a large nuclear saber) in part came from a restricted flow of information. If your desire is to merge the U.S. with Russia, then you will continue to work toward eliminating choice. The more socialist (even communist) a country is, the more restricted are its choices, in the arena of consumerism as well as the arena of ideas.

I also point out the obvious observation that the topmost rungs of the national media are dominated by a narrow segment of the populace whose economic and political goals seem to be aimed toward very questionable ends. I would even allege that now is the time to begin a round of "trust busting" to break-up the media concentrations now strangling society.

Daniel K. Cunningham





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Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and *independent* journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

Steven J. Schwartz

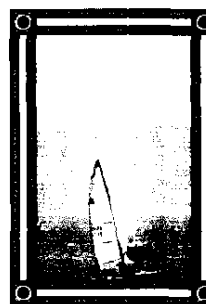
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Dear FCC,

Distribution Center

This is my first written communication to the government of the country in which I have lived for 57 years. To sit idly sidelined seems foolish when such important decisions are being made regarding the communications industry.

A few days ago I was listening to a radio show presented on NPR at a computer show. Kojo Nambe was interviewing two guests to the show and wanted some feedback from the audience. He asked for a show of hands: "How many of you use the internet to get news from abroad from foreign broadcasters?" Kojo was surprised and I was amazed. Fifty percent of the respondents held up their hand to indicate that they felt compelled to go abroad (outside of the USA) to get another view of what was happening during the war in Iraq.

What will happen if media ownership continues in the direction of further concentration? Will this further our access to information from many sources, or will it tend to consolidate it? My strong sense of the situation is that this will greatly reduce the points of view expressed and greatly restrict our access to information and different points of view.

Will the media giants willfully restrict their journalists, or is there a more subtle muting of expression that will develop? The answer is this: it is very difficult to perceive the assumptions on which individuals build their lives and their thoughts. These assumptions reside and may be invisible to those who profess them. But to those who are on the outside, the parameters of thought are the heart and soul of the debates that should be taking place amongst the members of our society. How could we be so foolish as to decrease the points of view that are tolerated and expressed? Is there to be only a mainstream that is a single stream? Will it be NBC vs AL_JAZEERA, or will there be gradations within the spectrum? When the corporate media says it is time for war, will there be another medium to put forth an anti-war position?

Let us act to multiply access to the media, not further restrict it. **VOTE NO TO FURTHER DEREGULATION!!**

Sincerely concerned,

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Media Ownership

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to let you know I am strongly opposed to the weakening of existing law regarding media ownership. As it is, there is far too little diversity in what we see and hear.

I strongly urge you to turn down this attempt at further monopolization of our airwaves and print.

Sincerely

Blair J. Jaeger